



“CHATTER”
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First show of the year is **Metro Carvers Show** March 18-19, 2023 which is now a 2-day show. Go to <https://metrocarvers.com> for more information, or call 586-557-3712, sharon0229@att.net Held at the Packard Proving Grounds Historic Site, 49956 Van Dyke Ave, Shelby Twp 48317

FROM YOUR PREZ:

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas, and it is a good new year, bad weather again Hope to see every one at the Metro Show. And other events that we will have during the year. Keep carving. Wood like to have MWCA meeting April 15, 1120 Legion Rd. Corunna. 11:00 lunch at noon. If you have any input on this call me 989-277-5739, thank you Denny

SHOWS and CLUB NEWS



TRI CITY CARVERS: Jack Harper gave a Rainbow Trout fish carving class on January 9th, 10th and 11th where we also learned a lot about airbrushing and airbrush techniques. The club displayed carvings again at the Antique Warehouse in Saginaw for the month of January where we could sell our carvings, and we also demonstrated carving the last weekend of January on the 28th and 29th. On January 17th Mike Basner gave a class on Feather ear rings.



Vince Rosolowski likes to have fun with carving on right. They figured he most likely carved it the day after New Years!



We will have a decoy carving class at the March meeting which may be continued on the April meeting if needed. Jack Harper will provide a fish scale burning demo at the May meeting.

SALINE CARVERS SHOW UPDATE: Saline: Attendance was 246 (54 of those were freebies). Next year's raffle item will be a friendship cane (perhaps two canes). We voted to have two Peoples' Choice awards next year: Professionals and Members. This will simplify judging and "level the playing field" in both categories.

People's Choice: First Place, Jerry Valentine's carved panel, Second Place: David Stirling's pair of ducks, and Third Place: Bob Russell's trout.

Myrna Miller Award: Bob Russell's squirrel

CCA Award of Merit: Jim Shock's caricature of a house painter

Picture at right is Pooch's latest carving, looking for a handout this winter.

VISITORS TO OUR BLOG DURING 2022 www.salinecarversblog.wordpress.com

United States: 749 (722 in 2021)

Canada: 3 (20 in 2021) New countries were China, France, Poland and Spain.

NOTE: We have changed our date of our show to October 7th, 2023.





FRUITBELT CARVING SHOW: We had a great 41st show November 5-6, 2022. We had 200-250 people attend the show, some drove quite a ways from Michigan and Indiana just to buy supplies from our vendors and get some carving ideas. We did a special Coffee Can drawing for Saline carving members. 10 wood carved or woodburned items were donated for a special drawing. We had 32 tables with carvers and vendors. Mike



Murdock won best of show in the professional category with his Red-Tailed Hawk. Intermediate Best of Show category was won by Lori Jenks with her swimming Intarsia Fish and also won the best show table with her Intarsia display. Gary Gracey won the People's Choice Award with his After the show on Saturday the exhibitors, vendors and spouses were invited to attend our Annual Banquet where 25 people gathered at the Country Table Family Restaurant in White Pigeon for food, fun and prizes.

We have secured the American Legion for our 42nd carving show on November 4 & 5, 2023, so plan ahead. A **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to everyone who helped make our show a success!!! A **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to the Legion's kitchen help for putting on a fantastic breakfast and lunch each day!!!

VIDEOS FOR CARVING INSTRUCTION:

From the **Woodland Carvers:** Our programs are now being uploaded to YouTube, one at a time as time permits. www.youtube.com/@whittltime

Woodland Wood Carvers are the in Grand Rapids Area of Michigan, members of the Michigan Wood Carvers Association. We thank you Mike Bacon for all the work it takes to make these videos available to us, especially the newer carvers looking for instruction

More videos: We at the **Triple C Carvers in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada** thank you for the link for the Woodland Wood Carvers videos and have included it on our website at www.tripleccarvers.ca and you can view it in our training/tutorial section at <https://www.tripleccarvers.ca/Training.html> On their website are many, many training videos for carving, pyrography, chip carving, airbrush painting and much more. Thank you to Dennis Insley for sharing your videos with us. Between the Woodland Carver and the Triple-C carvers I am sure that everyone will find something of interest to them and for the beginning carver these are wonderful instruction

For the past two months we have been working with the people at the World of Decoys and their monthly magazine they send us on-line. The cost to them is zero for the magazine and any of their input. They only charge if you wish to sell your carvings on-line or wish to advertise in the magazine. Our pictures are on pages 15-32 and after a couple of advertisements, more from pages 35-40. <https://online.fliphtml5.com/bitn/kvoh/#p=1> . The link to world of decoys is www.worldofdecoys.com

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

We are sorry to relay to all of you that Chief Osceola Carver and longtime friend Ida O'Dell has passed away. Most of you know Ron and Ida O'Dell from many of the Michigan Wood Carvers events, they provided us with all the printed garments from the different events. Ida was an accomplished hammered dulcimer player and always played in the music jams at the Roundup. Please keep Ron and their family in prayer.

Tri City carvers lost member Jim Schutt in Feb so please keep his family in prayers also.

CHIPS & CHATTER

Your MWCA 2023 club dues renewal is now in the mail so watch for yours. All dues for 2023-2024 are due by April 1st.

NEWSLETTER NOTICE: Because we have a limited number of shows this year the Chatter will be only 4 issues for the year. March-June-Sept-November for 2023. News needs to be sent to Sandy by the 25th of the month prior to the newsletter.

PLEASE NOTE: For the Roundup, Floydfest and Spit and Whittle the fairgrounds in Ewart, after many years, found it necessary to raise their camping fees this year. It is \$25 for electric sites and \$20 for primitive camping.

FLOYDFEST UPDATE: June 19-23, Karen Brown will present a power carving class on Carousel Animals. She will offer 3 different horses, a cat or a rabbit. Student will need to bring their own rotary tools, sander and a dust collector or half face respirator. Teacher will provide kits, paint, brushes, bling for decorating, glass eyes, finish spray and a stand and pole for each kit. Contact Floyd for more information and to sign up for the class. See below in upcoming events calendar. To sign up for a class call or email Floyd 734-649-3259 rhads134@comcast.net

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Please share this newsletter with the rest of your members who don't receive it or **FORWARD THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL** to your club members who have email. Thank you.

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MARCH JUNE SEPTEMBER DECEMBER

2023 MWCA COMING EVENTS

As we have seen before things can always change.

2023	EVENTS	LOCATION	INFORMATION
3/18-19	Metro Annual show	Packard Proving Grounds, Shelby Twp.	586-557-3712 sharon0229@att.net
4/15	MWCA Spring Meeting	1120 Legion Rd. Corunna	989-277-5739
6/14-17	Ewart Roundup	Ewart MI Fairgrounds Ewartroundup.com	734-649-3259 rhads134@comcast.net
6/19-13	Floydfest Carving Seminar	Ewart MI Fairgrounds	734-649-3259 rhads134@comcast.net
8/26	Tri City Show	2nd Presbyterian Church 2665 Midland Rd, Saginaw	989-781-3846
9/14-16	Spit & Whittle	Ewart MI Fairgrounds	231-250-3855
11/4-5	Fruitbelt Carving Show	American Leigon Post, Constantine	269-435-7245

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